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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Another honored veteran of our fellowship, Rev. B. H. Bailey, died at Boston on April 22 in his ninetieth year. He graduated from Harvard in 1854, and from the Divinity School in 1860, and served the churches in Dedham, Portland, Marblehead, Malden, and Westford, until his retirement in 1912.

Rev. Minot Simons has resigned at Cleveland, Ohio, to take charge of the Field work of the Association. He is expected to assume his new duties during the coming month.

Rev. Addison Moore has resigned at Schenectady, N. Y., to accept a call to Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Rev. C. W. Porter-Shirley has accepted a call to Geneseo, Ill.

Rev. J. H. Crooker has taken charge at Richmond and Highland Springs, Va., for the months of May and June.

Rev. C. F. Andrews, formerly minister of the Universalist Church at Plymouth, Mass., has accepted a call to Kingston, Mass.

Rev. O. E. Duerr has resigned at Laconia, N. H., to enter War Camp Community Service.

Rev. L. S. Pratt has accepted a call to Andover, N. H., and Rev. Wilton E. Cross, a call to Peterboro, N. H.

Journeys

The President of the Association has just returned from a flying trip to the west, with appointments at Springfield, New York, Detroit, Kansas City, Lawrence, Kansas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins and Dr. Crothers have fulfilled their commissions as preaching representatives of the Association in the middle west and Miss Minnie Packard, Secretary of the Young People's Religious Union, has now received a commission from the Directors of the Association to visit the churches in the middle west in May, primarily in the interests of the Union. Her itinerary began at Lincoln, Neb., on April 30, and then follow meetings at Omaha, Neb.; Sioux City, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Davenport, Iowa; Moline, Urbana and Chicago, Ill.; Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich.; Buffalo, Ithaca, and Syracuse, N. Y.

Besides our army chaplains and our Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers, two civilian ministers of our fellowship are now overseas. Mr. Rihbany is in Paris as the representative of the Syrian Societies in America at the Peace Conference, and Rev. W. I. Lawrance is the Unitarian representative on the Interdenominational Commission visiting Palestine and

Armenia. In the coming summer at least three of our ministers will go to Europe. Rev. L. C. Cornish, the Secretary of the Association, will visit the Unitarian churches in England. Rev. H. F. Burns of Dorchester will be preaching in London, and Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach, Editor of the *Christian Register*, is to be one of the special commission sent over by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in Tremont Temple on Tuesday, May 20. There will be no marked departure from the customary procedure. The leaders of the devotional exercises are to be Rev. H. G. Richardson of Yonkers, and Rev. Roger S. Forbes of Philadelphia. At the morning session the President, Secretary and Treasurer will present their annual reports, and these will be followed by four brief addresses on The Work of the Free Churches in a Time of Reconstruction, by Rev. Miles Hanson, Miss Minnie Packard, Rev. Minot Simons and Dr. Crothers. In the afternoon there will be the usual election of Officers and Directors, the transaction of business, and addresses by a number of representative Unitarians who have seen service overseas and who will speak about the moral and religious outcome of the war. As some of these possible speakers have not yet returned, it is impossible at this time to make definite announcement. Among those who are expected to speak are Lieut. Col. Frank S. Perkins, of Salem, Frederick M. Eliot of St. Paul, and Rev. A. M. Rihbany of Boston. In the evening there will be open house at the Headquarters at 25 Beacon Street and an opportunity for social intercourse, with light refreshments. In Channing Hall there will be singing and a display of slides illustrating some of the life and work of our churches.

Ministry-at-Large

One of the interesting plans for strengthening the work of our fellowship in the coming year is outlined in an invitation sent to a number of ministers by a special committee appointed by the Board of Directors, inviting these ministers to attend a ministers' Institute or Training School to be held at the Hackley School, Tarrytown, N. Y., for the two weeks beginning June 23d. The committee in charge consists of Dr. Eliot and Mr. Simons of the executive staff of the Association, with Dr. Sullivan, Rev. Maxwell Savage and Professor Foote. The Unitarian Laymen's League has been invited to appoint a cooperating committee for the administration of the School. It is expected that this Institute will result in the organization of a small and mobile body of ministers who will be available for the work of bringing encouragement and confidence to new and weak churches and of promoting efficiency and cooperation in our denominational endeavors. The President of the Association has repeatedly pointed out that our fellowship needs the alert and disinterested service of men who unite prophetic and executive gifts and who can be assigned to places where their services are peculiarly needed. The course of study at the School will include conferences on the work of a minister: (1) as a parish organizer and leader, (2) as a preacher and leader of public worship, (3) as a citizen, community worker and social mediator, (4) as a director of religious education, and (5) on a minister's personal qualifications, with lectures on Unitarian history. There will be but little formal teaching. The ministers invited are all men of some experience and the instruction will be largely on the "case system"; that is, conferences and discussions under the direction of some leader himself a member of the School. The members of the administrative committees will be in attendance at all the sessions.

A New Departure

One of the very gratifying features of the development of the work of the Association is that the Church Extension work, including the work of the Ministers-at-Large, will be in charge of Rev. Minot Simons, who has resigned the pastorate of the

Unitarian church in Cleveland, Ohio, to become the head of the Department of Church Extension of the Association. Mr. Simons is eminently fitted for this work, which needs a capable leader. He has, to an unusual degree, the capacity of leadership among men. He graduated from Harvard College in 1891 and from the Theological School in 1894, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in addition to that of Bachelor of Theology. After a short pastorate in Billerica, Mass., he went to Cleveland, January 1, 1900. He was a member of the Board of Preachers of Harvard University 1912 and 1913, was the national secretary of the Associated Harvard Clubs from 1909 to 1911, and the president of that organization 1911 and 1912. He was treasurer of his class of 1891 and has been vice -president and director of the Harvard Alumni Association as well as the president of the Cleveland Harvard Club.

During his pastorate of nearly twenty years in Cleveland Mr. Simons has had conspicuous success, the new church building being a definite monument to his spiritual leadership and executive power. His work for the Unitarian cause has not been limited, however, to the city in which his church is located. He has been president of the Meadville Unitarian Conference, vice-president of the Western Unitarian Conference, chairman of the Council of the Unitarian General Conference, trustee of the Meadville Theological School, and has served on numerous denominational committees, as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association, which position he still holds.

Cleveland is a city which has grown remarkably and in a very substantial way, and it has been said of Mr. Simons that he has "helped in building this wonderful city." He is, or has been, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce; secretary of the executive committee of the Associated Charities; president of the Association for Crippled and Disabled; president of the Drama League, of the Men's League for Equal Suffrage, and of the Saturday Night Club of Social Workers; chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the City Hospital; a member of the Social Service Committee of the Federated Churches; a member of the executive committee of the Cleveland Welfare Council; and other social service organizations of the city. He has also served as chaplain of the New England Society of Cleveland and of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In the midst of these many and varied practical interests Mr. Simons is distinctly a spiritually-minded minister, and has maintained high standards of scholarship. Large congregations look to him because of his profoundly spiritual sermons. The high quality of his intellectual work is testified to by his election as president of the Philosophical Club. These qualities he will bring to the service of the whole denomination. His field of work will cover the entire country. As the man who will superintend the work of the Ministers-at-Large, his influence will be multiplied. This whole plan is far-sighted and the quality of his leadership gives reason for high hopes for large success.

The Baltimore Sermon

Channing's sermon on "Some of the Distinguishing Opinions of Unitarians," commonly spoken of as the Baltimore Sermon, was preached at the ordination of Jared Sparks at Baltimore on May 5, 1819. The centenary falls in the present month and ought to be remembered in our churches. That sermon, or, as Channing called it, "A Discourse," has rightly been described as the opening gun of the Unitarian controversy. It led to the forming of a body of opinion which developed into a definite organization of the Unitarian movement. It may be reasonably held that no single sermon has ever had so wide, deep, and continued an influence on American religious thought and life.

The Baltimore church was, with the exception of the two churches founded by Joseph Priestley in Pennsylvania (which were really transplantations of English Unitarianism), and the little

church at Barneveld, N. Y., founded by liberal Hollanders, the first definitely Unitarian church west of the Hudson. It grew out of a somewhat chance preaching in 1816 in Baltimore by Dr. James Freeman of King's Chapel. Jared Sparks was the first minister. He later became distinguished as an historian and as President of Harvard College. His ordination was evidently a notable occasion, for eight distinguished liberal ministers from New England attended. The sermon took nearly two hours for delivery. Orville Dewey said of it: "There never came a more polished weapon from the armory of polemics. Never were more acute distinctions more remarkably put than those with which he set forth the true principles of Scriptural interpretation, nor more convincing statements offered of the essential inconsistencies of the popular theology both with itself and with sound reason and morality. The discourse was graced by a simplicity and a beauty of style which at once brought it down to the humblest minds and carried it up to the highest." The sensation caused by the sermon was unprecedented. In printed form it passed through five editions in six weeks, and for thirty years its circulation surpassed that of any pamphlet in America. It is still circulated in thousands of copies and has been reprinted in a score of foreign languages. A new Centenary edition of the sermon has just been issued by the Association, with an introduction and synopsis carefully prepared by Dr. Earl M. Wilbur. This edition is now ready for distribution.

The Unitarian Laymen's League

It will be remembered that in January last, a meeting was held in Unity Church, Springfield, Mass., to consider the forming of a national organization of Unitarian laymen. After earnest discussion a committee of five was appointed to consider the matter, to draft a constitution, and to report at a later date. This committee held numerous meetings and finally called a convention of men of the Unitarian churches to meet at Springfield on April 11 and 12.

The first session was on Friday evening, April 11. Three hundred delegates or more were in attendance, representing one hundred and twenty-five parishes scattered over seventeen states and the Dominion of Canada. Four delegates came from the Pacific coast and others from as far south as New Orleans and Atlanta, and as far north as Montreal. A few ministers were among the number, but the great body of the delegates were laymen, representing every profession and almost every line of business. Mr. William W. McClench of Springfield was chosen to preside over the Convention. The first address was by Rev. Minot O. Simons of Cleveland, the newly elected Secretary of the Department of Church Extension of the American Unitarian Association. His theme was an appeal to the laymen, as representing the strength and vigor of our churches, to push on and out, and develop the straightforward things in religion. The Unitarian churches emphasize the great fundamentals of religion that the world profoundly needs today. His address touched the heart of the Convention, and brought forth tumultuous applause. Then came the report of the Executive Committee, appointed in January, read by Mr. Charles H. Strong, the Chairman. This included the draft of a constitution, the key-note of which is given in the preamble:

> "We, men of the Unitarian Church and of other liberal Christian bodies of the United States and Canada, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Unitarian Laymen's League for the advancement of liberal Christianity in America, and for the practical application of its principles."

The Constitution as read was very brief and concise. Naturally there was plenty of discussion and many amendments were suggested, but the more the Convention studied the instrument the better pleased they were with it as it stood. It was accordingly adopted and the proposed amendments were referred to the Council for study and later action. The evening closed with a striking address

by Mr. Edward F. McClennen of Cambridge. He emphasized the fact that material and social reconstruction would be of little consequence if it did not have behind it a keen appreciation of spiritual values. A leaflet of hymns was provided by the committee in charge and the singing by these hundreds of men was something to be remembered.

The Saturday morning session began at ten o'clock with an address by Rev. Albert C. Dieffenbach, editor of the *Christian Register*. Its impassioned earnestness cannot be condensed into a few words. Everyone who heard it was deeply stirred and its influence was felt throughout the business of the day. Mr. Sprague, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, made a statement concerning the financial needs of the League. It was impossible, he said, to propose anything like an accurate budget, because the Council which would consider the plan of work had not yet been chosen, but it was believed that something like $200,000 would be required to put the League on a satisfactory basis. An appeal for funds produced subscriptions for over $63,000. Then nominations were made for members of the Council, and the following gentlemen were elected:

Ernest G. Adams, Worcester, Mass.
George S. Baldwin, Boston, Mass.
Hugh McK. Landon, Indianapolis, Ind.
Edward H. Letchworth, Buffalo, N. Y.
John McCarthy, Evanston, Ill.
John Burnet Nash, New York City
Robert Lincoln O'Brien, Boston, Mass.
William H. Pear, Cambridge, Mass.
Arthur P. Rugg, Worcester, Mass.
Elmer Scott, Dallas, Texas.
George H. Shellenberger, Los Angeles, Cal.
William H. Taft, New Haven, Conn.
Walter H. Trumbull, Jr., Salem, Mass.
Norton Wigglesworth, Milton, Mass.
Murray E. Williams, Montreal, Can.
Milton T. Garvin, Lancaster, Pa.
William W. McClench, Springfield, Mass.
Henry D. Sharpe, Providence, R. I.
Isaac Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass.
Charles H. Strong, New York City.
Robert Winsor, Weston, Mass.

Besides the Constitution, the Executive Committee reported seventeen purposes which the League might promote. These were the subject of a good deal of discussion.

The Convention closed with a luncheon at the Kimball Hotel, at which speeches were made by Mr. Rugg, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts; Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, and Prof. William H. Carruth of Palo Alto, Cal. The Unitarian Laymen's League may now be considered to be fairly launched. The men behind it are full of earnestness and enthusiasm, and the opportunities opening before it are alluring. We predict for it a great and successful future.

Department of Religious Education

The event of greatest importance to our church schools for this month is the meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society on Thursday of Anniversary Week, May 22. The sessions will be held forenoon and afternoon in Lorimer Hall, at Tremont Temple. Each school is entitled to three delegates with power to vote. In addition, schools may send as many visitors as desired, who, with the delegates, will carry back new interest in our common task and new understanding of the work which may be done by teachers of religion.

At the morning session the reports of Secretary and Treasurer will show the work done by the Board of Directors during the year, and committees on religion in the home and Sunday-school extension will present their work. Prof. H. Augustine Smith of Boston University, well known as conductor of large choruses and writer and director of pageants for church schools, will give an address on *Hymns for the Church School and How to Sing Them*. He will use the audience as a school to sing hymns in demonstration of his methods.

In the afternoon there will be two addresses. The first, *Religious Education for Democracy*, will be given by the Associate Secretary of this Department.

Dr. Herman H. Horne, of New York University, author of several books on education and well known as lecturer at summer schools and institutes, will make the closing address, on *How to Teach Religion*. Opportunity for questions and discussion will be given.

The convention of the Religious Education Association at Detroit was unusually well attended, and the papers and addresses were of a high order of merit. An account of the session was published in two numbers of *The Christian Register*, March 27 and April 3. Those who were present from our church schools in Detroit and elsewhere gained a larger vision of our work and a sense of fellowship with the leaders of religious education assembled from churches of every name and faith.

It is a satisfaction to learn that the first printing of the Temperance Service (A Service for the Clean, Strong Life) was exhausted in three weeks and a new edition has been issued. Schools desiring to use it may secure copies on application.

The manual for Confirmation Classes, prepared by Dr. Lawrance, is now ready. Although issued too late for classes held in Lent this year, there is still time for its use with a class to be received into the church on children's day or at the closing service in June.

The slides kept by this department for use in our church schools have been in great demand. On the Sundays of April nearly all of them were in use. During the past year at least a hundred shipments of slides have been made to all parts of the country. The value of stereopticon pictures for religious education is recognized, and this department is prepared to furnish slides for the purpose to schools remote from the centres where suitable subjects are readily accessible.

The use of the pageants and plays on our list has much increased in recent months. The price is now reduced to the cost of typewritten copies and postage. A pageant service for Easter was used in many of our schools, making an impressive exercise, within the pupils' capacity for dramatic expression, deeply religious in its purpose and effect. A few schools report preparations for outdoor sessions during May and June, with Bible drama as part of the school instruction.

Programs for the three institutes of religious education will be printed and ready for distribution during this month. With Dr. Drake and Dr. Hartshorne at Andover and the Shoals, and Dr. Dodson and Prof. Bowen at Chicago, with a member of this department lecturing at each, and special lectures to be given by superintendents of wide experience and marked success, these institutes should appeal to a large number of teachers and officers of our schools. Dates of each are given here for reference: Andover, N. H., June 30-July 5; Shoals, July 7-12; Chicago, July 15-25.

Dr. Lawrance reports the safe arrival at Southampton of the Sunday School Commission to the Near East, and a brief stay in London, where important conferences with government officials, Unitarian leaders, and other prominent people were enjoyed. The Commission sailed April 2 from Marseilles to Port Said, Egypt, and reached Cairo on April 11, starting on the 13th for Jerusalem, where they planned to spend Easter.

Publication Department

The First Unitarian Society of Hudson, Mass., the First Unitarian Society of Berlin, Mass., Unity Church of Amherst, Mass., Unitarian Society of Fall River, Mass., and the Sunday School of the First Unitarian Society of West Newton, Mass., have installed the Hymn Book since the last notice in WORD AND WORK.

The June Issue

Following the usual custom the June number of WORD AND WORK will not appear until about the middle of the month. As this is the last number until fall, it is always delayed in order to include the account of the meetings of Anniversary Week, which it would be impossible to do and get the paper out by June 1.

Don't Expect

Too much of the pupils in your Church School, for it is not possible to maintain their interest in the work of the school unless the lessons are attractive and stimulating. The BEACON COURSE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, now available for installation in any Church School, large or small, is one of the very best in this important field. THE BEACON COURSE is child-centred. It is carefully graded, year by year, in accordance with moral and spiritual needs as well as intellectual aptitudes and limitations. Each stage of the growing life is treated as a period requiring peculiar help, and also as a term of preparation for later experiences. The goal of a normally-developed religious maturity is ever kept in view. The material used in this COURSE is largely, but not wholly, Biblical.

¶ Ministers, superintendents, teachers, and officers of the Sunday School are invited to consider the advisability of installing this COURSE, either in full or in part. A number of schools have solved the problem of expense by allowing each child to purchase his own book, which then becomes his property.

¶ A catalog describing all our publications and material for Religious Education, as well as sample copies of The Beacon, the leading Sunday-school paper, will be sent free upon application.

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Anniversary Week

The Alliance is planning an informal buffet luncheon on Wednesday, May 21, at Hotel Vendome, with tickets at one dollar. By going from the business meeting in the First Church on Wednesday morning to lunch together at Hotel Vendome, all the women of The Alliance will have an opportunity to make each other's acquaintance. That is one of the vital reasons for meeting in Anniversary Week, to give a chance for women from a distance to get in touch with those in Boston and the suburbs. Let us all come to Hotel Vendome on Wednesday, May 21, and come resolved to be friendly. No introductions necessary, we are one family and shall have a successful gathering if we act in that spirit. An informal conference after luncheon on our young people and other Alliance opportunities. Women unable to be at the luncheon will be cordially welcome at the conference. Details about tickets will be found in the call for the meeting in another part of this number of Word and Work.

Lucy Lowell.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1919, 2.30 P. M.

Tremont Temple, Boston, Massachusetts

Public meeting. Subject: *The New Opportunity for Organized Religion.* Devotional Service, conducted by Rev. Harry Foster Burns. Addresses by Rev. John H. Lathrop, Rev. William L. Sullivan, D.D., and Rev. Charles E. Park, D.D. Collection for missionary work.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1919
10 A. M.

First Church, Berkeley and Marlborough Streets, Boston

Annual Meeting. Presentation of annual reports and transaction of business. Brief addresses, *Suggestions for Service,* by Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D.D., Mrs. Oscar C. Gallagher, and Miss Roberta M. West. Officers and directors will be elected together with a nominating committee, a committee on credentials, and an auditing committee. The list of candidates is enclosed.

Accredited delegates and life members must present credentials. Delegates unable to be present may send credentials and ballots before the meeting to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. No ballot will be counted unless accompanied by the credential duly signed.

Kindly note that credential cards are enclosed with this call.

Delegates should be chosen according to the By-Laws, Articles III and XI.

Hotel Vendome, 1.30 P. M.

Buffet Luncheon and Social Hour, followed by a Conference on *Our Young People.* Tickets, at $1.00 each, must be ordered on or before Saturday, May 17. Application, with money and stamped addressed envelope, should be made to Mrs. James A. Bailey, Jr. 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1919

Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

11.00 A.M. Cheerful Letter Conference.
2.30 P.M. Post Office Mission Conference.

Caroline S. Atherton.
Recording Secretary.

April 18, 1919.

Copies of the call and the ballot have been mailed to all the branches and to life members. These together with the credential cards, duly signed by the branch secretary, should be given to delegates in time to admit of their sending ballot and credential by mail if they

cannot be present May 21. If any branch that has a local membership fee wishes to make one of its local members a delegate, it has only to make her a national member by paying the difference between the local fee and one dollar and sending one-third of this amount to the general treasury.

The ballot will not have to be marked with a cross but may be handed to the tellers as printed, unless the voter wishes to write another name in place of the given candidate. Space is provided for this.

If the number of credentials sent to any branch is not in keeping with the present membership (one for each thirty members) word should be sent to the Recording Secretary at once.

Will delegates be prepared to show their credentials as they enter the church? It is to be remembered that all who are interested will be welcome at the business meeting, whether delegates or not.

At this meeting Dr. Crothers will suggest a new way in which Alliance branches may assist the church. Mrs. Gallagher will tell of neighborhood work done by the Church of the Disciples, Boston. Miss West from a large experience in Philadelphia will point out definite lines of civic service.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held April 11, Miss Lowell in the chair. There were also present: Mmes. Keyes, Noyes, Atherton, Carpenter, Donahue, Whitney, Bacon, Bailey, Blair, Bouvé, Boyd, Coolidge, Edgcomb, Faulk, Hayes, Houghton, Kimball, Sawyer, Stearns, J. K. Whiting, Whitman, Woodbury, Dakin, Eliot, Pope, and by invitation Mrs. Kent of New Orleans, and the presidents of Second Church, Boston, Lexington, and Watertown branches.

Mrs. Keyes was gladly welcomed after her enforced absence of several months.

The President has received a letter conveying the thanks of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense for the splendid cooperation of national associations, including letters from President Wilson and the Secretary of War in appreciation of the invaluable aid rendered by the women. She called attention to a request for cooperation on the part of The Alliance in advancing the interests of the Victory Loan.

It was voted to ask the Appeals committee, in conference with the International committee, to advise as to the disbursement of additional funds contributed for War Relief.

Miss Louisa H. Bailey, Watertown, Mass., has become a life member.

In memoriam have been added the following names: Mrs. Fannie Davis Bartlett, by the branch at Sterling, Mass.; Miss Abbie Jaquith, by Billerica, Mass.; Mrs. Miles Washburn, by Arlington Street, Boston; Mrs. William C. Page, New York, by her daughter; Mrs. Sarah Harriott, Concord, N. H., by her husband.

The Post Office Mission committee reported the great demand for copies of the Easter sermon printed by the American Unitarian Association, as the first of the Post Office Mission series for special occasions.

The Cheerful Letter committee reported that $110 has been collected in sunshine bags, a penny for every day the sun shines, towards defraying the expenses of printing the Cheerful Letter magazine.

On the recommendation of the Study Class committee it was voted to print 500 copies of the leaflet on the Old Testament, the present edition being exhausted.

On learning that Mrs. Cornish is to accompany her husband to England, to attend annual meetings of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, and to visit English churches, it was voted to ask Mrs. Cornish to convey the greetings of The Alliance to our sisters in England.

It was voted that the President serve as Alliance delegate to the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association, with power to appoint the other two delegates.

It was voted to send a telegram of greetings and good wishes from the Executive Board to the Laymen's League in session at Springfield, Mass.

A new branch is reported, Orlando, Florida.

A report from Mrs. Conte of our Italian Mission was most appealing and full of promise.

Reports were received from every western state. In the words of one of the directors: "Most of the branches merely added their patriotic work to that which they were accustomed to do and it was not done at the sacrifice of their obligations to their churches or to The Alliance. The subscriptions to Alliance Appeals have been increased rather than diminished in the past year, notwithstanding the many national and civic demands made upon the branches."

Massachusetts reports were concluded.

The next meeting will be held the third Friday of the month, May 16, when annual reports of committees will be received.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Manual Blanks

The branches have received the blanks asking for information for the new Manual. To avoid mistakes and delays it is well for the branch president, secretary, and treasurer to go over the items together before the blank is forwarded to Mrs. Davis. The retiring officers will have a better knowledge of the past year's doings than those who are just taking office. Accurate statements with correct names and addresses, *clearly written*, of the officers for 1919-1920 are imperative if the Manual is to be correct. Shall we not give Mrs. Davis the happy surprise of not having one single letter to write to delinquent branches?

Post Office Mission

The first special sermon published for the Post Office Mission, "An Easter Sermon," by Dr. Howard N. Brown, was ready April 1st; a week later a second printing was needed as applications for nearly a thousand copies remained unfilled. This shows what a wide distribution these sermons will have and it is hoped that branches will take advantage of this opportunity to bring well-liked sermons of their ministers on the special subjects of Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Easter, to the attention of the central committee.

The Post Office Mission conference of Anniversary Week will be held on Thursday afternoon, May 22, in Channing Hall. The principal subject for discussion will be "The Importance of Keeping Exact Records," and Miss Blake, the former secretary, will give the opening address.

In connection with the meeting there will be an exhibition of material used and methods employed by the various branches. This display will bring before all members the differing ways in which Post Office Mission work may be done, giving suggestions that will strengthen and widen our usefulness.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Toledo, Ohio: Our Junior Alliance meets every other week with a college girl for our leader. We find it works well to have some one read aloud while the girls do their work. We have suppers and dances, and also have charge of early parties for the children in the Sunday School. We usually give a play each year, and "Cranford" and "An Open Secret" were two of the best ever given. We raise money for the church by plays and teas.

Hopedale, Mass.: This new Junior Alliance has been doing good work this winter for the Red Cross, and the Wellesley Unit, and for the District Nurse. By selling the paper Red Cross knitting-bags, they made $27 and the proceeds of a play were $33. They gave $15 to the Milford Hospital and $10 to the United War Work Campaign. They have had several interesting speakers at their meetings, and have had many good times in the home of their leader.

Albany, N. Y.: We are very glad to report the organization of this new Junior Alliance. The officers are: President, Miss Martha Sullivan, 180 Washington Ave.; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Carolyn Pollock, 447 Manning Boulevard.

From Professor Furness

Tokyo, Japan,
Feb. 1, 1919.

I have had so many interesting experiences in Japan with my Unitarian friends and with Dr. MacCauley that it would take me a long time to tell you about them, but I think I can describe a few that will be of interest to the women of The Alliance.

Through Dr. MacCauley I have met the most prominent Unitarians among the Japanese here in Tokyo. They have welcomed me most cordially, even into their homes, which is a privilege not very generally accorded to visitors. I should like to tell you something about the church building and some of my friends. When the hall was built a number of years ago Dr. MacCauley was urged by the President of the University, who was one of his warm friends, to build it in the neighborhood of the College, for the sake of the students and the members of the Faculty. There was at that time much unoccupied land. But this land unfortunately was built up with factories and dwellings for working people rather than the class which they at first anticipated, and the University professors live in other parts of the city. Consequently the church has not been so accessible to the class who are most sympathetic with it as we should wish. But it is most admirably located for almost any kind of social work, and I wish that I could emphasize to you the value of this kind of work to the Japanese and the important contribution which our church could make to Japanese progress if we could build up a center of social activities, and I think it could very easily be done if the right steps were taken.

It is something which, as I have said, is very much needed in Japan, and the feeling is very strong among a good many people, some of whom are Japanese and some of whom are the most advanced type of missionary, that the Christian Church can do more for the Japanese and eventually for Christianity by developing this side of their work than in any other way.

Some of the leading men in the church called upon me, one of them being Mr. Imaoka, the Secretary of the Society, and the other Mr. Uchigasaki, a professor at Waseda University and the pastor of a small church in another part of Tokyo, — without having severed his connection with the main church. They have been most cordial to me and were the first to offer to arrange for me a public welcome, at a meeting held in the church November 3.

They invited me to speak to the church and invited guests, to give my letters of greeting to the church and to say something about America's moral purpose in the war.

The church hall is a pleasant room with many windows in it, tinted a light brown, and on the wall are pictures of Theodore Parker, Lowell, Emerson, Holmes, some of our leading Unitarians. Over the platform in Japanese lettering are the familiar words of James Freeman Clarke.

My speech, of course, had to be interpreted, and they were very much pleased to select for me a lady, a member of the church, who is a good English scholar and teaches in one of the schools. It was her first appearance in public in that way, but I think the novelty was quite an agreeable one and I am sure the members of the church were pleased to have one of their number helping in that capacity.

In a Japanese church the women sit together and the men sit together as in the old-fashioned Quaker meetings. I found that in the first part of my address, when I was giving my greetings to the women, I turned my face in their direction, but when I began to talk about America's moral purpose in the war, I turned to the men, because so much has been done in America by our own young men.

On the Sunday before Christmas I went with Dr. MacCauley to the little church where Mr. Uchigasaki preaches. The meeting is held in a hall. After the service was over they told me that

they were going to have their lunch together and asked if I would join them. I was very much pleased to do this, and they set out the plain tables in two lines in front of the platform, giving me the seat of honor by the stove. The lunch was brought in from a restaurant outside and as we sat there I was asked to describe some one of my Christmas experiences. And then Dr. MacCauley was asked to speak of some of his. As we were sitting there, one of the men, Mr. Kishimoto, also a professor at Waseda, said that they often had this simple meal after the service, and it was in this way that they celebrated the Lord's Supper, as they did not have the ordinary Communion service.

(*To be continued*)

CAROLINE E. FURNESS

President's Journey

The Meadville District Unitarian Conference was held in Marietta, Ohio, on March 25th and 26th and it was my privilege to attend that Conference, to experience the cordial hospitality of the Marietta people, and to meet representatives from Cleveland, Marietta and Youngstown, Ohio, Buffalo, N. Y., Wheeling, West Virginia, Erie, Meadville and Pittsburgh, Pa. At the Associate Alliance meeting I gave an address on Alliance Ideals. From Marietta a short journey brought me to Wheeling, West Virginia, where I met the Alliance women at an informal gathering in their pretty little church. Their minister, Mrs. Helvie, is making her influence felt in the city. Next came a visit to Meadville, where I addressed the students in the Divinity School, welcoming the opportunity to cooperate with the professors concerned with what is the greatest need of our work today, the training of ministers. An evening gathering of the Meadville Alliance gave a chance for an address and for informal acquaintance with the devoted women of that Branch. From Meadville I went to Pittsburgh and talked to the North Side Branch, which is alive to its opportunities and works hard to meet them. The First Church Pittsburgh Alliance is among the dozen largest in the country, their meetings every other week are very popular and many women were gathered for the one at which I was present. A stop at Erie was the last one, their record of work accomplished shows the best kind of life, a large proportion of their members came together to greet me and asked many questions about Alliance work. All Branches visited were full of life and, as always, I gained inspiration from each and every one. It is an education to the visitor to meet the Branches, whatever it may mean to the visited!

LUCY LOWELL.

Marietta, Ohio, and the Meadville District Associate Alliance

According to schedule Marietta was the Mecca for the Pilgrims of the Meadville District Conference, and it is a pilgrimage indeed, for the distances are long, but the devoted began to arrive in good season on Tuesday afternoon, March 25. Owing to the arrival of late trains and that no time might be lost, the ladies of the church had arranged for a supper served in the church, and the first service began on time at 8.15. From the time of the welcome by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Lloyd, to the very last, the program swung along in good time, good spirit and fellowship. At 12.30, March 26, luncheon was served in the vestry. In order that our faithful women might have the opportunity of attending the conference sessions, sufficient help was hired to do *all* the work in the kitchen.

At 2.30 the Alliance meeting was held in the church, Mrs. George Pearson, president of the Meadville District Associate Alliance, presiding. A devotional service was followed by a cordial welcome by the president of the local branch, Mrs. Emmeline Thorniley. After the response by Mrs. Pearson followed the business of the session. Delegates were present and reported from Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Meadville, Youngstown, Pittsburgh First Church and North

Side, Wheeling, and Marietta. These reports were inspiring, showing the appreciation. Branches that have the opportunity of close association and frequent visits from National officers can little appreciate the happiness Miss Lowell's visit gives us.

A resolution was passed endorsing the branches in good condition, doing good work with enthusiasm and spirit.

Miss Lowell, our National President, then gave us a fine paper on Alliance Ideals, to which we listened with keen action of the conference session in the morning, and placing ourselves on record favoring the League of Nations.

Marietta has never had the opportunity of entertaining the Meadville District Conference, though we have been in it since 1905, so it has been a wonderful privilege for us. We may be tired but we are gloriously happy.

ANNIE LAURA COIL.

New York League

A conference of the members of the New York League of Unitarian Women was held on the afternoon of April 4th.

The object of the meeting was to bring the members into closer touch with one another, to inspire a closer cooperation, and to confer as to the best policy of bringing a new and more animated life into the League.

Summarized answers to a questionnaire distributed at the previous meeting were read by the president and commented on.

A report was presented by a committee appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws. The draft of a new constitution was read by Mrs. Joseph H. Ambrose, chairman, and the changes pointed out. A discussion by the members present followed, and it was voted by the meeting to recommend the new constitution and by-laws to the executive board for adoption.

Tea was served by the ladies of the Lenox Avenue Branch Alliance and a brief "social half hour" followed.

At the March meeting of the League Dr. Franklin C. Southworth told how the Meadville Theological School is meeting the demand for high standards in the training of ministers. Preceding the collection for the Carolina Industrial School Mrs. Glogau spoke of her recent visit as the League's representative to the two schools at Shelter Neck and Swansboro, and urged a larger support of the work. Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach gave a spirited talk on the *Christian Register*, its gain of 1,500 subscribers the past year, and its aim to so inform and hearten and move its readers that they shall not only perceive truth but transmute it into action, not only see ideals but find the way to achieve realities.

Laymen's League

The following telegram was received in response to a message of greeting and good wishes telegraphed to Springfield by the Executive Board:

Four hundred and fifty men, representing one hundred and twenty churches assembled to arrange the Unitarian Laymen's League, thank The Alliance for their greetings and pledge earnest co-operation for the advancement of liberal religion. Signed by the chairman and secretary of the convention.

The address of Mrs. Claude U. Gilson is American Y. M. C. A. Secretary, 12 Rue d'Aguesseau, Paris, France.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Monday, May 5, at 10.30. Miss Effie E. Whitman will preside. Subject, "What shall the Monday Conference be?" Criticisms and suggestions are invited.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Southern Circuit, in addition to pledges	$199
Christian Register (to increase circulation)	124
Foreign War Relief, unlimited:	
Already forwarded:	
Correspondence Bureau	40
Mme. Loyson's Hospital	155

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Miss Minnie Packard, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

The Annual Meeting

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union will be held at the Second Church, Boston, on Friday afternoon and evening, May 23. To reach the church take a Reservoir-Beacon Street car from the Park Street subway to Audubon Road.

The afternoon session will open at two, with greetings and registration. At two-thirty will come the business meeting, which will be devoted to reports, election of officers and a conference. At four-thirty Rev. Charles F. Potter of Wellesley will deliver an address.

A reception to retiring and incoming officers takes place at five o'clock and will be followed by a community sing led by Mr. Fred W. Archibald of Waltham. At six o'clock, a collation will be served through the hospitality of the Boston and South Middlesex Federations of the Young People's Religious Union.

Between six-thirty and seven short informal addresses will be delivered by Rev. Margaret B. Barnard of Bernardstown, Mrs. Edward Cotton of Danvers, Rev. Howard Gale of Norwell, and others.

The evening religious meeting, which begins at seven-thirty, is open to the public. The devotional service will be conducted by the president of the Young People's Religious Union and the address of the evening will be given by Rev. Minot Simons of Cleveland, Ohio.

On Saturday morning, May 24, visitors will be conducted on a sight-seeing trip around Boston, automobiles being provided for delegates coming from a distance.

On Saturday afternoon and evening a field day and dance will be held at Wellesley. An attractive program of sports and pastimes has been prepared for this event, similar to that so successfully conducted last year, and even a larger attendance is forecasted for this year's affair.

Delegates desiring entertainment over Friday night should communicate with Miss Esther Cutter, Dedham, Mass., chairman of the hospitality committee.

Form New Federation

A meeting of great interest to those interested in the Unitarian young peoples movement took place on Friday evening, April 11, at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y., when eleven young people's societies from New York and New Jersey were formed into a federation which will represent the young people of the Metropolitan District and Northern New Jersey.

Additional interest centres around this event because of the fact that previous to this Fall but two societies existed in this district, the recent activity being largely due to the efforts of the field secretary of the Y. P. R. U., Miss Minnie Packard. As a result of the meeting organization was effected and committees appointed which will report at a meeting to be held in the Fall.

Over one hundred delegates were present and the following twelve churches sent representatives: Church of the Messiah, Staten Island and Yonkers, New York; Church of the Saviour, Flatbush and Second Church, Brooklyn; Passaic, Rutherford, Montclair, Hackensack, White Plains and Patterson, New Jersey. Passaic had the largest visiting delegation.

The speakers on this occasion were Dr. Newman of the Ethical Culture School, New York, Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, who is engaged in the War Camp Community Service, and the

Field Secretary. The speaking was preceded by a community sing and social gathering. Supper was served by the Old Fort Club.

At the business session, which followed the speaking, nominating and constitutional committees were appointed to report at the next meeting. This will be held next October in Passaic and Mr. Joseph Tholler of that place will preside.

The Allied Societies

The approaching Anniversary Week programs brings strongly before the various young people's societies the thought that important as is the work of the young people it is not only of value of itself but also as a preparation for work in the church and the other senior societies represented on the program at the May meetings. Cooperation should be the slogan of the young people and many opportunities can be found to join in the work of these senior societies in the local churches.

Secretary on Western Trip

Directly after the meeting of the Boston Federation on April 27 the Field Secretary is leaving on a three weeks' trip through the west that should mean much to the young people's movement in the localities visited.

Included in the plans are a three days' conference at Detroit, Michigan. In Chicago, Miss Packard will address a meeting of the Alliance.

Miss Packard Engaged

Cards are out announcing the engagement of the Field Secretary, Miss Minnie Packard, and Rev. Cloyd H. Valentine, minister at the First Congregational Parish, Canton, Mass.

A correction should be made in the Treasurer's report in the last issue of WORD AND WORK, to read, Channing Church, Newport—$15.00, instead of, Channing Church, Newton.

The Two-Foot Rule

Ministers and others who have received the blanks in connection with the "Two-Foot Rule Campaign" are urged to return the same promptly to Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, in order that an interesting summary may be published in the next issue of WORD AND WORK.

Through WORD AND WORK, the Y. P. R. U. wishes to thank the Alliance branches in the following places for their contributions to our work this year: Springfield, Peabody, Second Church, Brookline; Malden; South Congregational Church, Boston; Woburn; Arlington; First Church, Brookline; Church of Messiah, New York; Arlington Street Church, Boston.

The New England Associate Alliance deserves a very hearty vote of thanks for the present of three one hundred dollar bonds to the Y. P. R. U.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President,* 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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HELP COUNTERACT THIS PROPAGANDA!

The following letter has appeared in various newspapers in different parts of the country signed by some soldier. Its always identical wording points to a common source:

> "I wish to take this opportunity of expressing what I believe to be the opinion of the majority of the A. E. F. Having discussed the subject of prohibition on numerous occasions with several hundred of the boys of Uncle Sam, I find they are very much displeased with the bone dry amendment. The opinion prevails that while they have been in France fighting to make the world safe for democracy the drys have taken advantage of their absence and stabbed them in the back, as it were.
>
> "Who represented America on the battlefields—the Prohibitionist who devoted his time to the dry cause or the boys who went over the top? If the boys could have done as some of the dry advocates did—stayed at home—perhaps there would have been a different view taken of the situation by the Legislatures of the different States. We think the prohibitionists have taken advantage of our absence, and we wonder if they do not feel somewhat ashamed over the way they won their 'wonderful victory.'"

The other side ought to be presented. There are many returned soldiers who strongly favor prohibition. Theodore Roosevelt (Dec. 12, 1917) said in a personal letter:

> "I may mention that my sons who are now in the army in France write me most strongly, just as General Pershing has expressed his public opinion most strongly, as to the harm done to the men of the army by permitting the sale of liquor to them, stating that they believe in absolute prohibition for the army in war time—and one of them adding that his experience has made a permanent prohibitionist of him."

Returned soldiers who favor prohibition should be encouraged to protect their honor by writing to the editors of local newspapers, protesting Brewers' propaganda.

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